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OPENING OF THE EAST WING OF THE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY.

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THE opening of the east wing of the American Museum, upon November 30th, marks the latest step in its rapid development. The old wing of the building, completed in 1873, contained 35,020 square feet. With the west wing, now in course of erection, the Museum will have a total exhibition floor space of 148,258 square feet. The construction of the east-corner wing has been authorized by the Legislature, and this will nearly complete the south façade in 1900.

The Twenty-seventh Annual Report of the President, recently issued, shows that the last two years have been of exceptional activity in the development of the collections and educational work of the Museum. During 1895 seventy-five thousand dollars was received from the city of New York for maintenance, and sixty-five thousand dollars from the Endowment Fund; there was, however, a deficit of nearly eight thousand dollars on these two accounts, which was met by special subscription from the Trustees. The expedition in Peru under the direction of Mr. Adolph F. Bandelier, referred to in previous reports, has been eminently successful, and arrangements have been made to continue his work until the close of 1896. The expedition to Honduras was made in cooperation

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